GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3141
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COLD CHAIN SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of Kerala Government to Cold Chain Scheme forstrengthening procurement and distribution network for fruits and vegetables is pending with the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the decision of the Ministry thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The National Horticulture Board (NHB), an autonomousOrganisation under the Ministry of Agriculture, had received a proposal of the Kerala State Horticulture Products Development Corporation Ltd. throughthe State Government of Kerala, seeking financial assistance for setting up Cold Chain andestablishing procurement and distribution network for fruits and vegetables. The proposal was examined by the National Horticulture Board.It was observed that the State implementing agencyhad not furnished financial appraisal notes of lending commercial Banks/Public Sector Undertaking.The NHB has already conveyed to theState implementing agency that submission of financial appraisal notes of lending Commercial Banks/Public Sector Undertaking is a mandatory requirement for availing financial assistance.